

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 of the parent application have been cancelled and claims 41-56 have been added by the above-identified amendment.

No new matter has been added. The new claims presented above correspond to the rejected claims of the parent application. Specifically, claims 41-56 directly correspond to rejected claims 41-56 of the U.S. Patent App. Serial No. 09/429,645. For example, independent claim 41 corresponds to independent claim 41 added by amendment to the parent application, and dependent claim 42 corresponds to dependent claim 42 added by amendment to the parent application. In order to obviate a 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection, the new claims have been amended from the parent application to reflect the language of the originally filed specification.


Claim 41 finds support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 35, line 10 to page 36, line 1. Claim 42 and 44 find support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 36, lines 6-7. Claim 43 finds support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 36, lines 13-26. Claim 45 finds support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 36, line 13 to page 37, line 4. Claims 46, 49, 52, and 55 find support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 11, lines 16-19. Claims 47, 50, 53, and 56 find support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 14, lines 18-22. Claim 48 finds support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 35, line 10 to page 36, line 1; page 36, lines 6-7; and page 37, lines 5-15. Claim 51 finds support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 36, lines 6-7 and lines 13-26 and page 37, lines 16-

23. Claim 54 finds support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 37, line 24 to page 38, line 12; page 41, lines 1-3 and lines 8-12.

The undersigned representative submits that the claims as presented are allowable over the previously cited prior art. The undersigned representative kindly requests entrance of this amendment prior to examination on the merits. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned representative if doing so would be helpful in expediting prosecution.

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